UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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In Re: Vitamins Antitrust Litigation

MDL No. 1285

Conopco, Inc. v. F. Hoffman LaRoche, Ltd. et. al, Case Number CIV-3572 (S.D.N.Y.) Case No. 99-CV-3572

ORDER OF DISMISSAL OF E. MERCK, MERCK KG4A AND EM INDUSTRIES, INC. WITH PREJUDICE

AND NOW, this ______ day of ________ 2000, upon consideration of the foregoing stipulation by Plaintiff and Defendants E. Merck, Merck KGaA and EM Industries, Inc.

Ordered that the foregoing stipulation of Plaintiff and Defendants E. Merck, Merck KGaA and EM Industries, Inc. to dismiss with prejudice Plaintiff's claims in the above-captioned case against Defendants E. Merck, Merck KGaA and EM Industries, Inc. only be and the same is Accepted. Accordingly, the claims in the above-captioned case of Plaintiff Conopco, Inc. against Defendants E. Merck, Merck KGaA and EM Industries, Inc. are hereby dismissed with prejudice. This Order is without prejudice to Plaintiff's claims against any other Defendants or alleged co-conspirators in the above-captioned cases.

United States District Judge

cc: Counsel for Settling Plaintiff shall serve conformed copies of this Order to all counsel of record in MDL No. 1285 through Verilaw